

# Andoversford Primary School

Spring Term 2019

8th March

## Newsletter

### Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

**Ash:** Alfie\*

**Oak:** Bruno

**Beech:** Florence

**Willow:** Madee

**TEAMie of the week:** Oscar T

**The Mystery Reader** was chosen by Delilah this week. She chose to donate Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo to Willow Class!



### What a week!

We have had a week full of exciting activities. Starting with Beech Class, who visited the Town Hall to perform in a music ensemble. Their violin lessons are really paying off! We received this message from Nick Steel, who supports music across Gloucestershire: *Well done to all of the performers! I thought the performances were terrific and extra special because the children didn't even have a chance to rehearse as a massed ensemble – they just went on and smashed it on the day!*

We also celebrated World Book Day this week. Take a look on our Facebook page or on Twitter for some pictures! #ASPIRE

### ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 306

Buttercup: 398

Thistle: 372

Rose: 352

Whole School: 3308

### What is a School Governor?

School governors are volunteers who help to run a school. The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability in schools. It has three key functions:

- \* Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- \* Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- \* Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Governors set the aims and objectives for the school and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the head teacher.

Being a school governor or trustee is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. We are very grateful to our governing board, who help us to make a real difference to our young people and give something back to our local community. They are also part of the largest volunteer force in the country!

If you want to get in touch with the governors of our school, you should use official communication channels. Email:

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### Trim Trail and Playground Equipment

A concerned parent noticed that some children were using the playground equipment after school, or whilst waiting for clubs to finish. We encourage active play and are pleased that the equipment fully used - it is great to see children enjoying themselves! However, we would like to remind parents that after school, they are responsible for supervising children at all times.

### E- Safety

Keeping our children safe online has been in the news a lot recently. Technology is an integral part of ours and our children's lives so it is vital that they learn to use it safely from the beginning. We aim to give our children safe habits as soon as they start using online apps or devices. It is much easier to have clear rules and expectations in place from an early age than try and put them in place when children reach their teens. Remember our website has some great sources of information for parents and links to other key guides. ParentZone also has lots of handy parent guides and digital parenting tips. <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

### Community Notices

#### Red Nose Day

**RED NOSE DAY**  
We have been discussing ideas to fundraise with the children and they have decided to wear something red for Red Nose Day! On Friday the 15th March children can wear something red in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. You can find more information about the charity - including where your money goes, by following this link: <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>

#### Parking

This week we have had difficulty getting to trips with the children because of parking along the road. Coaches are not able to pull safely into a space because of the number of cars that are parked along the roadside. The position of our school on a main road means that safe parking is limited and often people pull in at the side of the road, causing an obstruction or reducing visibility. Parents are encouraged to park at the village hall and walk to the rear entrance wherever possible. Don't forget parents have also been permitted to park in the car park at The Royal Oak, who have agreed to allow parents to use their car park when dropping off or collecting pupils. This is a much safer option than the main road if you need to use the front entrance.



### Dates for your Diary

Dates for 2019-20 are now on our website!

- ⇒ 12th March—No Code Club
- ⇒ 12th and 13th March: Long Dance Club
- ⇒ 15th March Red Nose Day
- ⇒ 19th March Feet First Dance festival
- ⇒ 20th March Oak Class Trip
- ⇒ 22nd March ASPIRE Day: Holi
- ⇒ 22nd March Gardening Club starts
- ⇒ 26th March Willow Class trip
- ⇒ 3rd April Music Concert at 2:00
- ⇒ 4th April Parents SAT Session
- ⇒ 5th April Easter Service at 1:00
- ⇒ 5th April Term Ends at 2:00
- ⇒ 23rd – 26th April Arts Week
- ⇒ 26th April Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
- ⇒ 3rd May Tempest Photos (Class)
- ⇒ 6th May Bank Holiday
- ⇒ 9th May Parents PGL Briefing
- ⇒ 10th May Oak Class Assembly
- ⇒ 13th – 16th May Key Stage 2 SATs
- ⇒ 22nd to 24th May PGL Residential

